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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN NEW FLORENCE TELEPHONE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY—New Florence Telephone Company, Tiger Telephone, Inc. and Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. have filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking Commission authority to transfer all of the stock of Tiger Telephone, Inc. to Direct Communications Rockland, Inc.

Tiger Telephone, Inc. is currently the sole shareholder of New Florence Telephone Company. The proposed transaction, if approved, will result in a change of ownership of New Florence Telephone Company from Tiger Telephone, Inc. to Direct Communications Rockland, Inc.

The application states that after the proposed acquisition, New Florence will continue to do business under the same name and operate in much the same manner as it does currently. According to the application, there will be no change in rates or methods of operation as a result of the stock acquisition.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **October 25, 2006**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: W.R. England, III and Sondra Morgan, Brydon, Swearngen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

New Florence Telephone Company provides basic local telecommunications service to approximately 470 customers in Montgomery County, in and around New Florence, Missouri. Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. provides local service to approximately 1,500 subscribers in three Idaho communities. According to the application, Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. has operated telephone exchange systems in Idaho under Idaho Public Utilities Commission authority since 1952.